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## If Christ Should Come Today

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If Christ should come today !  
If we could find Him on the broad highway  
Or city street,  
O, would we crowd to touch His garments' hem  
Or kiss His feet ?

If He should come today !  
If the All-Searching One should find us out,  
And call our name ;  
Would we press forward toward the outstretched  
hand,  
Or sink in shame ?

If He should come today !  
The Prince of Peace amidst the clang of war  
And battle heat ;  
O, would we haste to lay our weapons down  
Before His feet ?

If He should come today !  
Above all honors and the paltry things  
That men call great,  
Is He enshrined, and have we kept our faith  
Inviolable ?

O, poor and weak and blind !  
Living for self, we make our petty plans,  
Map out each year ;  
Forgetting in an hour we know not of  
He may appear.

O gentle, pitying Christ !  
Delay Thy coming to the weary soul,  
So sick of sin ;  
Draw close Thy cords of love until his heart  
Shall take thee in.

Then come at morn or eve !  
Whether in manhood, youth or feeble age,  
Thy visit fall ;  
To him who loves Thee all is well, since Christ  
Is all in all.

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